

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: #57 (Revised)

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SUBJECT(S): Events, BBI Progress, Joint Land Use and CYBER BITS

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1. Upcoming Events:

- a. BRAC Business Initiative Meeting and Networking Session # 3:
 - i. Date: **9 December 2009, 08:00 to 10:00 AM**
 - ii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610
 - iii. Agenda:
 - **Booz, Allen, Hamilton (BAH) Presentation**
 - **Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Presentation**
 - Networking Between BBI Partners
 - iv. *Attendance:* All members of the BBI organization and the public

2. Discussion:

- a. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) Progress
 - i. In Progress Review (IPR) held on 17 November for County Executive Ken Ulman and Howard Community College President Kate Hetherington. Good progress has been made, more to come. The 5 TRACKS are 70% complete.
 - ii. There are currently over 300 BBI Business Partners. These partners have access to an internal BBI networking data base. Join this formal networking partnership by sending an email to rkudchadkar@howardcountymd.gov
- b. Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)
 - i. JLUS provides funds and technical assistance to bring the military and surrounding communities together in developing land use policies that balance the needs of both. The National Academy of Public Administration has completed a study for DOD's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) on this subject. If you are interested in sustaining and/or improving the quality of life in the jurisdictions around and on Fort Meade you should read the Executive Summary of the study.
<http://www.napawash.org> The key word throughout the study is "encroachment." For most military installations, this means people outside the fence responding in a negative manner to noise (aircraft and/or gunfire) inside the fence.
 - ii. Encroachment around an urban installation like Fort Meade may come in a different form (transportation gridlock), but still could lead to the same results, disruption of the military mission and the overwhelming of civilian infrastructure. The study addresses this issue with the following words: "Stress on public infrastructure and services can be severe when a military base grows, especially if the growth is sudden and unplanned. Transportation impacts often are the most noticeable, but water supply and sewage treatment systems, public schools, and housing inventories may also be impacted." In the Fort Meade Region's case there was not a comprehensive planning process in place to address the myriad of issues caused by installation growth. We believe the JLUS may be able to right this situation.

3. CYBER BITS:

Cybercommand: No official approval of this command at this time, but we do know that Defense Contractors in support of Fort Meade are bidding contracts, increasing and reorganizing staffs in preparation for this event. Additionally the individual Armed Services are moving and reworking organizations as part of their preparation for the inevitable.